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Title: Important Notice Regarding Whole Waste Tire Disposal Ban

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Brief Description or Subject Matter: The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), has determined how a tire may be altered so it is no longer a whole tire and thus not subject to the disposal ban.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING WHOLE WASTE TIRE DISPOSAL BAN

Indiana Code 13-20-14 states that "A whole waste tire may not be disposed of at a solid waste landfill after July 1, 1995." The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), has determined how a tire may be altered so it is no longer a whole tire and thus not subject to the disposal ban.

The following is IDEM's policy outlining the acceptable types of tire alterations:

- 1) A tire which has the sidewalls cut and the remaining tread intact, resulting in three (3) pieces (two (2) sidewalls and the tread) may be disposed of into a solid waste landfill; or
- 2) A tire which has been cut, at a minimum, into four (4) relatively equal pieces may be disposed of into a solid waste landfill.

There are several different ways of cutting a tire which may satisfy the second of the two (2) alternatives. The tire can be laid on its side and cut like a pie through the bead and tread into four (4) pieces. Both sidewalls can be cut out of the tire and the remaining tread cut into two (2) relatively equal pieces. The tire may be split in half along the center of the tread (a bagel cut) and the resulting two (2) pieces each cut in half.

Nothing in this notice should be construed to require a landfill to accept a tire which has been altered as described above. Landfills may require additional processing or may refuse to accept any tire material.

Transportation of more than twenty (20) tires, either whole or altered as described above, requires the transporter to be registered with IDEM and also requires the use of a manifest.

If you have any questions about this notice or the waste tire transporter registration program, please contact the IDEM Office of Land Quality at 317/232-0066.